

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

NEWSY NOTES & CITY GOSSIP.

Special Gatherings Past and to Come.—Ladies Visiting the City—German and English Parties, etc., etc.

Legislature adjourns Saturday.

This is the last day of February.

Judge John W. Bell of Culpeper, is here.

The latest craze in jewelry is diamonds.

The latest craze in hats is "You-mans."

Mr. James Miller, of Goodland, was here last week.

Mr. T. N. Carter has gone North for a few days on business.

Mr. Walter Carroll, of Birmingham, Ala., has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Downman, of Danville, was in the city last week.

Miss Harrison, of Charlottesville, is visiting friends in the city.

Miss Mamie Jones, of Ashland, is visiting Richmond friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod, of Quebec, Canada, are at the Valentine.

Miss Rosalie Winston is at Old Point, and will remain several days.

Miss Lila Wilkinson, of this city, has returned from a visit to Norfolk.

Miss Mary Young is stopping with Miss Louisa Allan, west Franklin street.

Ash Wednesday is March 10th. This year Easter Sunday comes on April 25th.

Miss Hattie M. Tanner is spending a few weeks with relatives in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Bettie Flagg, of Caroline, is visiting Mrs. Eigg, 314 north Twelfth street.

Miss C. E. Carter, of this city, will soon visit her friend, Mrs. Gentry, in Henrico.

March 5th there will be an annular eclipse of the sun, visible as a partial one here.

Miss Girdle Christian, daughter of ex-Judge George Christian, is on a visit to New York.

Miss May Addison, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. John Addison, east Main street.

Miss Tibball, of Winchester, is the guest of Mrs. Hunter McGuire, east Grace street.

The City Auditor was busily engaged yesterday in issuing licenses for vehicles, dogs, &c.

Miss Hardesty, of Missouri, is the guest of Miss Hattie Williams, west Franklin street.

The Richmond German will give an entertainment Monday night, March 1st, at Senger Hall.

The Misses Ross, who have been visiting friends in Alexandria, returned home last week.

Mrs. Henry Loving, of Amherst, is visiting Mrs. C. H. Sutton, No. 800 east Leigh street.

Miss Ola Fowles, of Nottoway, is the guest of Mrs. John A. Augustine, 913 east Leigh street.

Mr. Russell Bowle, of south Third street, gave a dinner-party to a number of friends last Friday.

The annual meeting of the Methodist and Presbyterian "House for Ladies" will be held in March.

Miss Bettie Moore, of New Kent, who has been visiting friends in the city, returned home Thursday.

Miss Minnie Young, of Halifax, who has been visiting Mrs. William A. Lovig, has returned home.

Mrs. George Keith Taylor, who has been visiting Baltimore for several weeks, has returned home.

Mr. T. B. Gill, of Milford, Caroline county, Va., spent several days with friends in the city last week.

Miss Mildred Smith, of West Point, Va., is the city guest of Miss Eva E. Foster, 808 east Leigh street.

Miss Nannie Burthe, of Charlottesville, Va., is visiting Miss Cora Lathrop, No. 114 east Franklin street.

Steamer No. 4 was first on the ground at St. Albans Hall and not No. 3, which does not go to that box.

Miss Emma Hughes has returned to Columbus, Ga. She will be kindly remembered by her many friends.

Miss George Garlick, of New Kent, is staying with her cousin, Miss L. W. Selden, 612 north Seventh street.

Misses Fuller and Thomas, of Pennsylvania, are visiting Mrs. Wirt E. Taylor, No. 825 west Grace street.

Miss Lelia Ancensbury, of Prince Edward county, is visiting her friend, Miss Bettie Allen, east Clay street.

Mrs. Judge Brown and daughter, of Nelson, are visiting their aunt Mrs. Duval, No. 417 north Eighth street.

Miss Lila Hubbard, a pretty debutante of Nelson, is visiting Miss Evelyn Robinson, No. 407 east Franklin street.

Major E. G. Strane, of Philadelphia, a native of Richmond and a member of the old First Howitzers, is in the city.

Miss Mildred Stilman, of New York, is on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Howard Swineford, No. 606 north Eighth street.

Miss Libbie Lewis, of Pittsylvania, who has been the guest of Mrs. Crow, west Main street, returned home Saturday.

The attendance at Old-Market Hall is increasing every Sunday night. Dr. Hoge is accomplishing much good there.

Miss Julia Radford, of Bedford, is still with her sister, Mrs. Allan Talbot, and will remain for a few days longer.

Mr. Walter Bevil, who has just been appointed general ticket agent of the Norfolk and Western railroad, is in the city.

Miss Jennie Davis, who has been visiting Mrs. Lettwich, east Leigh street, left for her home in Washington yesterday.

Mr. James Moore, who for a number of years was a prominent merchant of this city, now of New Kent, was in the city last week.

Mrs. George C. Dickinson, of "Rangoon," Albemarle county, is stopping with her sister, Mrs. M. A. Lyon, 412 west Grace street.

Councilman William M. Turpin will introduce a resolution in the Council to have the gas-lamps lighted every night throughout the year.

One of our Franklin-street bellies has had inserted a dudene-side-saddle, the novelty of which consists in its having the pommel on the right side. The idea is to ride on both sides of the horse—not at the same time, however.

Dr. C. L. Cooke, president of Hollis Institute, is in the city, attending the meeting of ministers in respect to the Baptist ministers' relief fund and educational interest. He is the guest of

Mr. Montie West, 822 west Grace street.

Mr. R. R. Pleasants, of Scottsville, is in the city.

Mr. C. B. Miller is convalescent, after a severe illness.

Colonel William W. Gordon is quite unwell—suffering from neuritis.

Railroad-Commissioner H. G. Moffat has been quite unwell, but is better.

Ex-Governor William E. Cameron attended the funeral of Mr. Phobus.

Miss Ellen Crutchfield, of Fredericksburg, left for Ashland yesterday afternoon.

Miss Julia W. Morris went to Old Point to attend the funeral of Mr. Phobus.

Hon. J. Murray Forbes, of Fauquier county, was in the city last week on business.

Mr. L. A. Sadler, of the Old Dominion Paper Company, is in Philadelphia on business.

Rev. Edward Kennedy, from Nova Scotia, uncle of W. J. Tyrrell, spent last week here.

It is hoped by many that the zouave company recently organized will soon show themselves.

Hon. William A. Ayers, judge of Dickerson and Buchanan County Courts, is in the city.

Miss Mamie E. Taylor, of Staunton, who has been visiting friends here, returned home yesterday.

There seems to be more country wagons coming to the city than usual. This is an indication of a revival in trade.

Miss Julia Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is the guest of her brother, Mr. Joseph L. Smith, 510 east Franklin street.

Miss Lucy Gray Walker and Miss Asina P. Bagby, of King and Queen county, are guests of Mrs. George P. Stacy.

The Richmond Piano Club is rehearsing for their second concert this season, which will take place in about two weeks.

Miss May Davis, of Piedmont, W. Va., who has been visiting Mrs. James Leigh Jones, left Wednesday for Washington.

Mr. John W. Starke, son of Professor John K. Starke, of Sidney school, is very sick from the effects of a carbuncle.

Miss Mamie Jones, daughter of Dr. G. W. Jones, of Ashland, is visiting Mrs. Charles W. Goddin, 605 west Grace street.

Mr. Marshall E. Ramos, one of Richmond's favorite bass singers, left Friday night for Ohio, where he will in future reside.

The Committee on Streets will make their tour of inspection in a few days. They have many petitions for improvements to act on.

There have been more solid silver-golds for bridal presents in the past few months, in this city than for ten years previous.

The much-needed improvement of Eighteenth street will be commenced in a few days. The street will be paved with granite spalls.

Miss Minnie Gay, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her sister, Mrs. White, east Clay street. Miss Gay will leave for home on Thursday.

About one fifth of the fruit-brandy distilled in this district remains to be stamped. Up to date the stamps sold amount to \$24,958.

Miss Lizzie Hutter, one of Lynchburg's most beautiful young ladies, is stopping with Mrs. J. H. H. Figgat at the Exchange Hotel.

The March term of the Hastings Court commences Monday, and it is believed that during the month the Galle case will be tried.

The meetings at the Pine-Street Baptist church are still going on. So far fifty-four persons have connected themselves with the church.

The Grand Lodge of Knights of Honor will meet at Ellett's Hall, Fifth and Marshall streets, on Tuesday evening next at 8 o'clock.

The Staudt Quartette Club will give an entertainment in Manchester Tuesday night for the benefit of the Presbyterian church of that city.

The total number of prisoners confined in the city jail is 151. Whites, 41—males, 36; females, 5. Colored, 110—males, 73; females, 37.

Mr. George D. Thaxton, who is Police Commissioner for Jefferson Ward, will, in a few days, move into Clay, causing a vacancy on the Board.

Miss Lizzie Hunt, who has been spending the winter with the Misses Bevil, will leave for her home in Milton, N. C., Tuesday or Wednesday.

Work on Moore-Memorial church will be resumed in the early spring. Large contributions to the building fund will be made on Easter Sunday.

Mr. George Ross, of Canada, who has been stopping in the city, gave a champagne supper to his friends last Thursday night before leaving for home.

Mr. N. M. Lee, City Sergeant, who has been unwell for several days past, is much improved and is expected in a few days to be able to attend to business as usual.

The many friends of Miss S. C. Cox and mother, of Philadelphia, will be glad to know that they are again in Richmond. They are stopping at the American Hotel.

Mr. Joseph M. Fourqurean and Mr. Jack Temple are on a visit to Florida. Mr. Fourqurean is expected home the latter part of this week. Mr. Temple will remain longer.

At present there are only four employees on duty in connection with the enlargement of the custom-house here—viz., the superintendent, his clerk, the draughtsman, and the foreman.

A lady says some of the compositions of the children in the public schools—and they do not differ from those of children in other schools—would make Mark Twain laugh.

The Boys' Missionary Society of Leigh-Street church will render quite a varied programme, consisting of music, tableaux, charades, &c., at Corcoran Hall, on Church Hill, March 4th and 5th.

Mr. G. G. Minor, who has been in North Carolina for several days past on business, reports that the trade outlook was never better, and that in every section he visited he found the *Daily Dispatch*.

Mr. John S. Cunningham, of Person county, N. C., has been in town for several days. The Old North State can boast of few more energetic men than he is, and he is a favorite in Richmond society.

Miss Mamie Burwell left the city Friday evening with her friend Miss Pierce of Washington, D. C., for Jacksonville, Fla., and will visit Nassau, Cuba, and many other places of the

Sunny South before returning to Richmond.

Mr. Harry Berkeley, of Baltimore, was in the city visiting friends last week.

Miss Brock, of Nelson, is visiting her uncle, Dr. C. W. P. Brock, 716 east Franklin street.

Miss May Addison, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. John Addison, 108 east Main street.

Mrs. M. E. Tompkins, of Fredericksburg, Va., is visiting Mrs. Outcalt, No. 909 east Clay street.

Bishop Whittle will preach this morning at St. Mark's church. The rector is rapidly recovering.

Miss Kate Langley, of Chester, is staying at the residence of Mrs. Lyon G. Tyler, on Church Hill.

Bishop Keane will return to the city next week and will commence the Lenten sermons Sunday week.

The Chancery Court adjourned yesterday for the term. A special session will commence on March 15th.

Mr. H. Clay Chamblin was in Lexington, Ky., all the past week attending the sale of improved horses.

Mr. J. N. Abbott, the general passenger agent of the Erie railroad, spent four days at Old Point last week.

Mrs. J. R. Clarke, of Lynchburg, Va., is visiting her father, Mr. J. P. Scott, No. 104 north Monroe street.

Miss Lillie Marbury, who has been visiting Miss Edith Baldwin, will leave for her home, in Alexandria, Tuesday.

The clerk of the Hastings Court issued 43 marriage-licenses for the month of February—white, 26; colored, 17.

Judge B. R. Wellford is mentioned by his friends for one of the places on the proposed new special court of appeals.

The Misses Dandridge, of Providence, Carolina county, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. A. L. Haynes, 519 north Eighth street.

Colonel T. M. R. Talcott, of Mobile, Ala., formerly general manager of the Richmond and Danville railroad, is in the city.

The statement that Company D had turned out in new uniforms is incorrect. The company has not yet purchased new uniforms.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabie, of New York, who have been visiting Mrs. Charles L. Todd, of west Franklin street, returned home Friday.

Mr. William H. Pleasants, who has been confined to his room, suffering from a severe burn, is improving, and will be out soon.

It is Councilman W. H. Curtis, not Mr. John A. Curtis, who has been in Washington in the interest of the improvement of James river.

The Medical College commencement takes place on March 30th, and the address to the graduates will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Landrum.

Senator Meredith and wife left yesterday evening for Washington, where they will be the guests of their cousin, General William H. Payne.

In addition to the Loafers' Club there is also an organization of cranks in the city. The order have their meetings and regularly-elected officers.

Among the visitors on the floor of the Senate yesterday were Judge B. A. Harcock, of Chesterfield, and ex-Judge John O. Reynolds, of Cumberland.

Thomas Brennan Branch, Irish National League, will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Cathedral Hall. Important business will be considered.

The joint committee appointed to make arrangements for the banquet on St. Patrick's night, will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Cathedral Hall.

Mr. George Connor, the general passenger agent of the Fall-River Line of steamers and of the Old Colony railroad, spent several days in Richmond last week.

Mr. Marion G. Tyler, of Alexandria, assistant engineer of the Virginia Midland railroad, is in the city, and will spend a few days visiting his parents and friends.

Mr. John K. Branch, who has been spending a few weeks in the city this winter, left for Washington yesterday morning, where he will spend a few days visiting friends.

The work of excavating for the foundation of the Young Men's Christian Association building, at the north-west corner of Main and Sixth streets, was begun yesterday.

Mr. J. H. H. Figgat, of Botetourt county, and Mr. J. F. Ryan, of Loudoun county, occupied the Speaker's chair during a portion of the session of the House of Delegates last week.

Miss La Fonde Palmer and Mrs. George S. Palmer, who have been spending several months in New York city, have returned to the city, and are visiting Mrs. Adolphus Blair, No. 104 west Grace street.

Merchants from Virginia and North Carolina, who buy goods in Richmond, are expected about the 10th to 15th of March. As yet only a few have come in, and spring trade is somewhat backward owing to recent severe weather.

The Committee on Second Market will meet on Tuesday to consider plans for improvement of the Second market-house. It is expected that this improvement will soon be made, as the money has been appropriated for this purpose.

The election of Hon. John W. Daniel as United States senator will give occasion for a lively contest in the Sixth district for member of Congress. The name of Hon. Walter R. Staples and Senator Paul Edmunds are mentioned as probable candidates.

At a meeting of the Howitzers Thursday night it was decided to change their meeting- and drill-nights to Tuesday instead of Thursday, as formerly. Next Tuesday night they will have a full-dress drill and inspection, followed by one of their delightful entertainments.

Mr. Thomas N. Page, one of the most popular members of the Board of Aldermen, will be one of the nominees of the Board on Monday evening to take the place of Colonel John B. Cary on the City School Board. He is at present a member of the Council Committee on Schools.

The tobacco business seems brisk. For Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week the receipts at the office of the internal-revenue collector, A. L. Ellett, for tobacco-stamps amounted to \$25,333. Monday was a national holiday. The receipts for the month of February amounted to \$125,750.

The last musicale of the Hahr Musical Society on last Tuesday was greatly enjoyed by all present, and the rooms were well filled. The first selection was Beethoven's Septuor, as quartette, followed by several piano solos, finely rendered by Misses Wilson, Wilson, Nolting, Whitehead, and Mrs. Russell Robinson. Vocal selections by Miss Branch, reading by Mrs. Nash, and lastly the G minor concerto by Mendelssohn, brilliantly played by Miss Rawson.

The Governor has plenty of hard work to do nowadays reading the bills the Legislature spends him.

Mr. W. C. Adams has lost his valuable trotting horse Kingston. He was well-sped and well-bred, and was said to be able to trot in 2:30.

The ladies of the Fourth Presbyterian church will give a tea this coming Friday night, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society, at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Jones, who have been the guests of Mrs. Harvey, south Third street, left for their home, in Isle of Wight county, last week.

Dr. J. B. Wood, now of Dallas, Texas, made a contribution to Rev. J. B. Harrison, Baptist missionary in Southwest Virginia, and his love to his friends in Richmond.

Tackahoe Assembly of Knights of Labor, in addition to the assemblies heretofore reported, have passed resolutions sustaining District-Master-Workman W. H. Mullen.

The Catholic Beneficial Society holds its annual meeting on Tuesday night, at which all the officers will be elected. Messrs. John M. Higgins and William Daffron are the nominees for president.

The young ladies are looking with eagerness for Lent, for then visiting comes down to a solid basis, and many prefer quiet evenings with gentlemen friends to the giddy mazes of the ball-room.

Miss Sallie Burch, of Lynchburg, and Miss Sallie Duval, of Goodland county, who have been the guests of Miss Emma Cottrell, No. 13 south Foushee street, have returned to their homes.

Miss Nannie Spilman, of Warrenton, Va., who has been visiting Mrs. Chamberlayne, No. 4 west Grace street, left yesterday for Alexandria, where she will spend several weeks before returning home.

Many of the Richmond people attend the Sunday-evening meetings at Miralob church, in Henrico county, about three miles from the city. Major W. F. C. Gregory is continually increasing his great popularity as a preacher.

J. H. Johnson, who was yesterday appointed a member of the Board of Visitors of the State Colored Normal School at Petersburg, is a teacher in the Valley School, and is highly esteemed by our city school officers.

Professor John M. Hoggett, who has been spending the winter in the city, is engaged in writing a scientific work. The Professor is an easy and graceful writer, and his work will reflect credit on the author and his native State.

Mr. Robert McDaniel, mentioned in the report of the committee appointed to investigate the Eastern Lunatic Asylum, is of Middlesex county, and not the Robert McDaniel, of Petersburg, member of the House of Delegates.

Professor W. W. Smith, Drs. J. William Jones and A. E. Dickinson, Professor C. L. Cooke, and some other gentlemen met at the *Religious Herald* office yesterday and talked about the future of "local option" and some other things.

A large number of young ladies and gentlemen, who attended the marriage of Miss Jessie W. Claiborn, to Mr. Bernard Mann in Petersburg last Wednesday, speak in the highest terms of their reception by the good people of that hospitable old burg.

At the inter-State tournament held recently in New Orleans by the managers of the National Exposition the winners of the first four prizes were the Knight of Florida, Knight of Louisiana, Knight of Virginia (Mr. Hale of Franklin), and the Knight of Georgia.

Mr. Theodore W. Starbuck, who has been with Mr. John Bowers for a number of years, has accepted a position as travelling salesman with Messrs. Mitchell, Vance & Co., of New York. He left for that city last week with the best wishes of friends for his success.

Mr. Willie A. Pulliam, a native of Richmond, and who has for a number of years been connected with the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company in this city, has taken charge of their office in Wilmington, N. C. His friends wish him pleasure in his new home.

At the request of many ladies and gentlemen Miss Stewart Bradley repeated her rendition of the General Fitz Lee quick step (which she danced in the Silver "arival" at Miss Thaw's dancing-school yesterday. It was a remarkable piece of dancing and won the admiration of all.

A prominent business-man of this city, whilst attending a protracted meeting in East Tennessee, was asked if he had "checked." He said "No." He was asked again, and gave the same answer. He saw everybody eating, and after awhile found that lunching was being checked. He soon began to check vigorously.

Mr. T. L. Chapman, the superintendent of the power of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, has received a patent for an improved screw-jack, which is destined to come into general use. This makes the fifth or sixth patent that has been issued to Mr. Chapman, who has achieved an enviable reputation as a mechanic.

The Virginia Historical Society possesses a striking bust in plaster of President James Madison, said to have been taken from a life-cast made in 1821 by one Brauer, who is said to have made a similar cast about the same time of Jefferson. The bust of Madison is of interest also, as it is the Robert C. Winthrop, in a recent letter to a gentleman of this city, lamented that there was in existence "no worthy portrait of Madison."

Social Gatherings.

The charity ball this year promises to be unusually brilliant, and the attendance will probably be larger than ever before. It will take place Thursday evening, March 4th, at Regimental Armory, under the patronage of the following ladies:

Mrs. General Lee, Mrs. Col. J. P. Brim, Mrs. Archer Anderson, Mrs. Chas. P. Stokes, Mrs. Lewis Webb, Mrs. Oskale Cabell, Mrs. Wm. and Mrs. J. A. Pleasants, Mrs. George and Mrs. George B. McClellan, Mrs. M. F. Pleasants, Mrs. George B. Tyler, Mrs. Wm. and Mrs. James H. Doolley, Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. C. Davenport, Mrs. Dr. A. A. Green, Mrs. Philip Russell, Mrs. John Dunlop, Mrs. Boyd Warwick.

Any person receiving an invitation to the ball can secure a ticket for \$1.50 from any of the above-named ladies.

SILVER CARNIVAL.

A good deal has already been said in this paper about the Silver Carnival. As an amateur performance, it was one of the best ever given in Richmond.

The acting of Misses Pizzini, Putney, Vanece, Stacy, Michelbacher, and Fitzhugh is especially worthy of mention, as also that of Messrs. Talbot, Ainslie, Morton, and Gottlieb, who took the principal parts in the dramas of *The Jew of Malta*, *Macbeth*, and *Hamlet*. The tableaux were very beautiful.

The costumes were kindly lent by Madame Louis, to whom much credit is due for the beautiful dances taught the

little ones. The quickstep composed by Madame Louis and dedicated to the Governor, was danced by Miss Stuart Bradley, and elicited much applause.

Bradley, who danced by *petite Esie* Kirsh, who responded to an *encore* and acknowledged her floral tributes in so charmingly a baby-like manner that it amused the audience. Special mention must be made of the Irish tilt danced by Louie Millhiser and Leroy Cohen in costume and the Gipsy solo by Miss Rachel Meyer. The Mandolin, by Misses Saunders and Wilson, was very attractive, as was also the tambourine little Fannie Mitteldorfer and Charley Shelly.

The performance on each occasion was concluded by Old Black Joe, Mr. C. L. Wormely assuming the character, supported by Misses Stacy and Pizzini. The speech made by Mr. Wormley on the origin of the poor white trash caused much merriment. Mr. Wormley responded to an *encore* by singing "Keep in de Middle of de Road."

The financial result of the performance was quite satisfactory to the lady managers, who feel amply repaid for their trouble by the pleasure given the little folks.

AT JUDGE WADDILL'S.

Last Wednesday evening Judge Edmund Waddill, Jr., member of the House from Henrico, entertained several